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1. EMBOFF WAS BRIEFED MORNING AUGUST 2 BY BELGIAN CHARGE ON STATUS OF EC-9 EFFORTS CONCERNING VAROSHA. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN ANKARA ON JULY 23 MADE DEMARCHE TO TURKISH MFA SECRETARY GENERAL ELEKDAG TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF POSITION OF DEMIREL GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO FORMER PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT'S JULY 20 STATEMENT ON VAROSHA. ELEKDAG TOLD BELGIAN AMBASSADOR: (A) THE OPENING OF HOTEL SCHOOL IN CONSTANTIA HOTEL HAD BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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PLANNED IN 1976 BUT HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED ONLY THIS PAST MONTH BECAUSE OF TECHNICAL PROBLEMS; (B) THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE BOUND BY ECEVIT'S STATEMENT BUT COULD NOT DISAVOW IT PUBLICLY, ESPECIALLY IF GREEK CYPRIOTS AGGRAVATED THE SITUATION BY MAKING IT AN ISSUE OF PUBLIC DEBATE; AND (C) ECEVIT'S ANNOUNCEMENT, WHICH ELEKDAG OPINED WAS AT THE INSTIGATION OF THEN-MINISTER OF STATE TURAN GUNES, HAD NOT BEEN COMMUNICATED

IN ADVANCE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. ELEKDAG ALSO GAVE HIS PRIVATE ASSURANCE TO THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR THAT THE GOT DID NOT PLAN RESETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES BEYOND THE OPENING OF THE HOTEL SCHOOL.

2. AS A RESULT OF THIS DEMARCHE, BELGIUM, AS THE EC-9 PRESIDENT, PROPOSED TO THE OTHER MEMBERS THAT ITS AMBASSADOR IN NICOSIA, ON BEHALF OF THE EC-9, MAKE A NEW DEMARCHE ADVISING THE GREEK CYPRIOTS THAT THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT WAS NOT BOUND BY ECEVIT'S JULY 20 STATEMENT; SUGGESTING THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS NOT AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION BY MAKING IT A PUBLIC ISSUE AND THUS FORCING THE GOT TO TAKE A HARDER LINE; AND POINTING OUT THAT GOC PUBLIC PRESSURES MIGHT UPSET THE INTERNAL BALANCE OF THE TURKISH COALITION GOVERNMENT TO THE DETRIMENT OF PROGRESS TOWARD THE CYPRUS SOLUTION.

3. AS OF AUGUST 2, BELGIAN EMBASSY IN ANKARA WAS AWARE OF ONLY THREE RESPONSES TO ITS PROPOSAL. THE FRENCH, WHO HAD MADE A PARALLEL DEMARCHE IN ANKARA AND HAD RECEIVED IDENTICAL ANSWERS, SUPPORTED THE BELGIAN PROPOSAL. LUXEMBOURG SUPPORTED THE BELGIAN PROPOSAL. THE HAGUE ALSO SUPPORTED IT, BUT PREFERRED NOT TO DISCUSS IN NICOSIA THE INTERNAL PROBLEMS OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT.

4. BELGIAN CHARGE WAS UNAWARE OF THE ANATOLIAN NEWS AGENCY REPORT PUBLISHED IN NICOSIA AUGUST 1 INDICATING IMMINENT
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IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN TO RESETTLE VAROSHA. A SIMILAR STORY APPEARED ON FRONT PAGE OF MASS CIRCULATION HURRIYET AUGUST 2. STORY WAS DATELINED NICOSIA AND PERHAPS BASED ON THE ANATOLIAN NEWS AGENCY REPORT WHICH, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, WAS NOT CARRIED BY TURKISH NEWSPAPERS AUGUST 1. MILLIYET AUGUST 2 CARRIES A STORY FROM NICOSIA QUOTING GREEK CYPRIOT NEWSPAPERS TO THE EFFECT THAT DENKTASH HAS AGREED (UNDER PRESSURE FROM GOT) TO RESETTLEMENT OF GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEES IN VAROSHA WHILE MAINTAINING TURKISH CONTROL OF THE AREA. WE WILL BE SEEKING FURTHER INFORMATION FROM MFA LATER TODAY (AUG. 2).
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